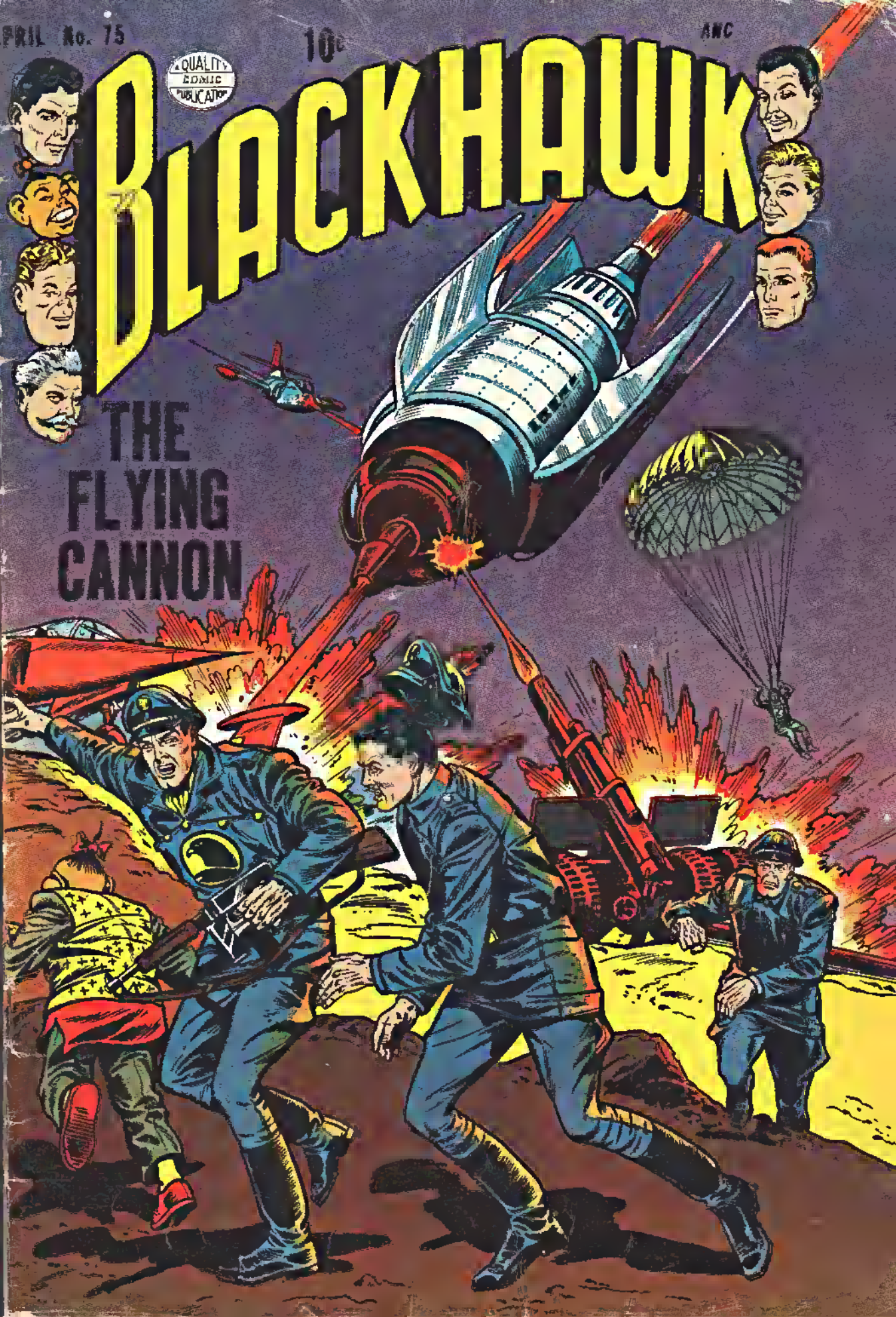


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THE
FLYING
CANNON



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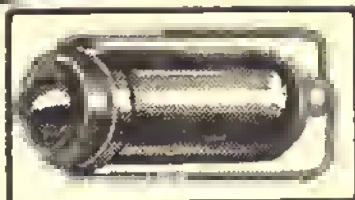
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BLACKHAWK

IT WAS INVINCIBLE! NO WEAPON COULD CHALLENGE ITS DEVASTATING POWER! IT HURTTLED FROM THE SKIES LIKE A THUNDERBOLT, SPEWING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WITH UNCANNY ACCURACY! EVEN THE BLACK-HAWKS WERE POWERLESS AGAINST THE JUGGERNAUT OF DEATH CALLED—
THE FLYING CANNON!

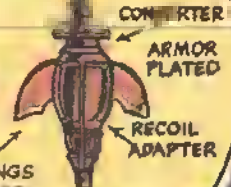


The FLYING CANNON BLUEPRINT

FLIES BY ENERGY CONVERTED FROM FIRE POWER OF GUN AND IS JET PROPELLED.



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HORIZONTAL WINGS CAN BE USED FOR LANDING SMALL AIRCRAFT.

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THE TROUBLE BEGAN IN THE DEMOCRACY OF LIBERRA! SCIENTIST KURT ANTON WAS UP ON CHARGES 'OF TREASON!

PROFESSOR ANTON, THE COURT FINDS YOU GUILTY OF UTTERING SLANDER AGAINST LIBERRA! THEREFORE YOU WILL BE DEPORTED TO VIGLANDT, THE COUNTRY OF YOUR BIRTH!

GOOD! I'M GLAD! DO YOU HEAR? GLAD!



DEMOCRATIC LIBERRA IS DECAYING! ONLY A STRONG COUNTRY, A COUNTRY OF DICTATORSHIP LIKE VIGLANDT, CAN SURVIVE!



DOWN WITH LIBERRA! I NEVER WANT TO SEE OR HEAR OF THIS COUNTRY AGAIN!

TAKE HIM AWAY!



IT IS HORRIBLE... HORRIBLE! ALWAYS I HAVE HAD RESPECT FOR ZE GREAT ANTON! BUT NOW...

STRANGE HOW A MAN'S MIND WILL BECOME WARPED, ANDRE! IT'S A TERRIBLE BLOW TO HUMANITY WHEN A GREAT MAN TURNS AGAINST IT!



ACN, SO! BUT WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO IMPRISON ANTON INSTEAD OF DEPORTING HIM?

PERHAPS, HENDRICKSON! BUT ACCORDING TO LIBERRAN LAW, AN ALIEN WHO UTTERS TREASON CAN ONLY BE DEPORTED TO HIS NATIVE COUNTRY!

NOW ANTON WILL BE WORKING WITH THE ENEMY! I'M WORRIED! I'VE A HUNCH WE'RE DUE FOR TROUBLE! IT WILL BE LIKE WAITING FOR A TIME-BOMB TO EXPLODE!



And so, some days later, the traitor crosses the border!

AH, PROFESSOR ANTON, WELCOME TO VIGLANDT!

THANK YOU! PERHAPS MY GENIUS WILL BE APPRECIATED IN MY HOMELAND!



BLACKHAWK

A FEW MONTHS LATER, THE FIRST BLOW IS STRUCK AT LIBERRA!

UHHH! THE OIL TANK HAS EXPLODED! SOUND THE ALARM!

BOOM!

WOW! THE ARMS PLANT... WIPED OUT!

THAT WAS A DIRECT HIT! THERE'S A BOMBER OVERHEAD THAT'S HITTING EVERY TARGET RIGHT ON THE NOSE!

SWIFTLY THE BLACKHAWKS MAN THEIR JETS AND RACE SKYWARD TO COMBAT THE ENEMY!

'OKAY, MEN... NOW LET'S GO UP AND CLIP THE WINGS OF THAT BIG BIRD OVERHEAD!

THERE IT IS... JUST AHEAD!

MON DIEU! I SEE EET BUT I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT EET IS!

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S A CANNON...WITH WINGS! A FLYING CANNON! IT'S GIGANTIC!

NO USE TRYING TO CRACK THAT BABY! IT'S GOT ARMOR A YARD THICK!

ATTENTION, MEN! KEEP OUT OF RANGE BUT DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT MONSTER! WE'VE GOT TO TRAIL IT BACK TO WHERE IT CAME FROM!

BLACKHAWK

BUT AS THE BLACKHAWKS MASS FOR THE SKY-TRAIL, THE CANNON SUDDENLY SPEWS FORTH A STRANGE WEAPON!

SMOKE! THAT SKY-CANNON'S LEAVING A SMOKE-SCREEN! CAN'T SEE A THING THROUGH IT!

A BLINDING FOG SOON FORCES THE BLACKHAWKS DOWN TO LAND AS THE SKY-CANNON DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW!

WE CERTAINLY GOT THE SHORT END OF THE FIGHT THAT TIME!

A FLYING CANNON! NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!

LOOK! VIGLANDT TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE CITY!

MON DIEU! ZEY FIGURE IT WILL BE RIPE FOR REVOLUTION AFTER ZE ATTACK OF ZE FLYING CANNON!



LET'S CHANGE THEIR MINDS FOR THEM!

HAWKA-AAA!

FASCIST SWINE! HASN'T DER FATE OF HITLER TAUGHT YOU A LESSON?

FAT BALLOON... I'LL SOON LET THE AIR OUT OF YOU!



YOU WON'T BE USING THAT GUN FOR A WHILE, TRAITOR!

OWW!

AH! GOOT SHOODING, BLACKHAWK!

C'MON, GANG... LET'S WIPE UP THE STREETS WITH 'EM!

SURE, CHUCK... BUT TO DO THAT WE FIRST GOT TO KNOCK-UM LIMP LIKE RAGS!



BLACKHAWK

WITH THE COURAGEOUS BLACKHAWKS BLOCKING THEIR BID FOR POWER, THE TRAITORS ARE SOON TAKEN PRISONER...



THAT'S THAT! NOW WE'D BETTER GET TO THE PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS AT ONCE!

LATER...

SO THE DREAD
THING HAS COME
AT LAST... WAR!
VIGLANDT IS
STRONG ENOUGH
TO ATTACK NOW
THAT SHE HAS THE
FLYING CANNON!



YES... AND ONLY
ONE MAN
COULD
HAVE
INVENTED
THAT FLYING
HORROR!
PROFESSOR
ANTON!

BUT ANTON IS
A MAN OF
PEACE! HE
WOULD NEVER
CREATE A
WEAPON OF
DESTRUCTION!

A MAN'S
POINT OF VIEW
CAN CHANGE...
ESPECIALLY
WHEN HE'S
GIVEN
POWER!



WHAT DO YOU
SUGGEST NOW,
BLACKHAWK?

THE BLACKHAWKS ARE
GOING TO PARACHUTE
DOWN INTO VIGLANDT
AND SOMEHOW LOCATE
THE FLYING CANNON...
AND THEN DESTROY IT!



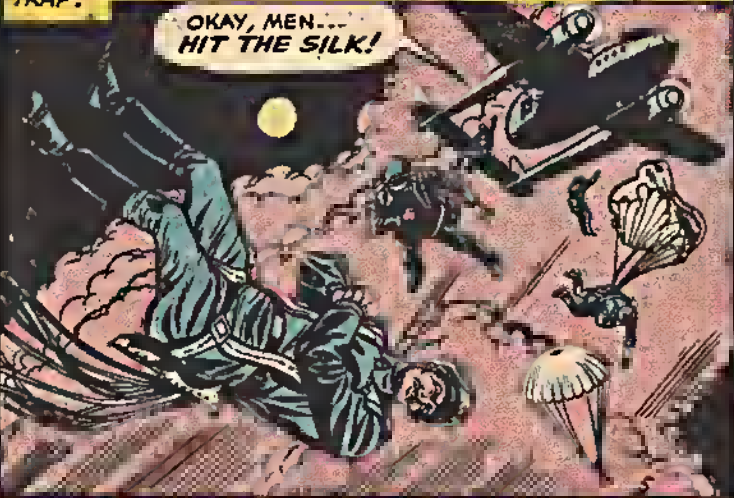
AFTER
BLACKHAWK
OUTLINES
HIS PLAN,
A COUNCIL
MEMBER
GOES TO
A SECRET
ROOM...
AND
THERE
THE
TRAITOR
RELAYS A
MESSAGE
TO
VIGLANDT...

WARNING! THE BLACKHAWKS
ARE FLYING INTO
VIGLANDT TONIGHT!
I WILL GIVE YOU
THEIR RENDEZVOUS
POSITION...



That VERY NIGHT, SOMEWHERE OVER VIGLANDT... THE BLACKHAWKS ARE UNAWARE THEY ARE TO DROP INTO A PREPARED TRAP!

OKAY, MEN...
HIT THE SILK!



AS SOON AS
THEY LAND...
WE ATTACK!



BLACKHAWK



YOU ARE ALL UNDER ARREST!

HOLY SMOKE! WE'VE LANDED RIGHT INTO AN AMBUSH!

INSTANTLY, BLACKHAWK WORKS HIS CHUTE LINES... SO THAT THE GREAT SILK CLOUD SETTLES OVER THE SURPRISED ENEMY!

GO AHEAD! LET'S SEE YOU FIGHT YOUR WAY OUT OF THAT!

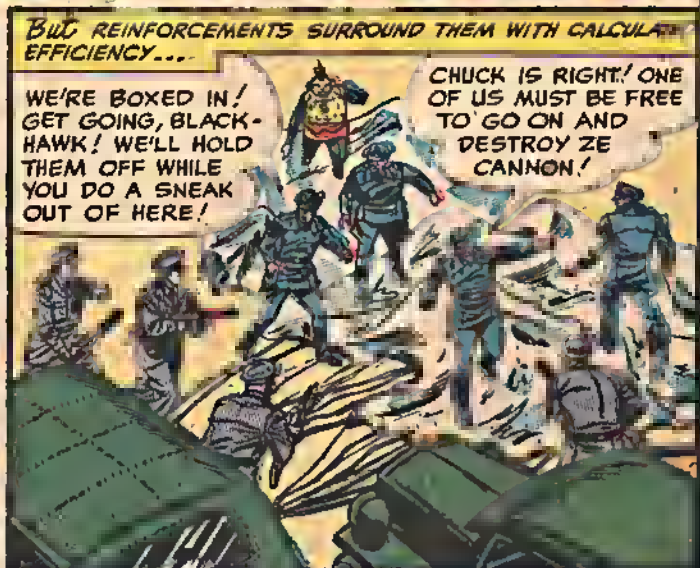
WHA...? HEY!

LOOK OUT!



JUST LIKE HITTING A PUNCHING BAG!

HOLD STILL! AH... THANK YOU!



BUT REINFORCEMENTS SURROUND THEM WITH CALCULATED EFFICIENCY...

WE'RE BOXED IN! GET GOING, BLACK-HAWK! WE'LL HOLD THEM OFF WHILE YOU DO A SNEAK OUT OF HERE!

CHUCK IS RIGHT! ONE OF US MUST BE FREE TO GO ON AND DESTROY ZE CANNON!



HAWKAA!

I'D LIKE TO BE FIGHTING WITH THEM...BUT THEY'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE CANNON! THIS IS NO TIME FOR SENTIMENT!



SWIFTLY, BLACKHAWK CLIMBS FOR COVER...THEN TRAGEDY STRIKES AS HIS FOOT TWISTS UNDER A MOVING STONE!

EGASP! UHHH! MY ANKLE!



OHhh! OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK! I TWISTED MY ANKLE SO BAD...I CAN'T EVEN STAND!

THE NIGHT PASSES... AND WHEN MORNING COMES THE HELPLESS BLACKHAWK DISCOVERS HE HAS A VISITOR!



HEY... IT'S A HAWK... A HAWK AS BLACK AS OUR SQUADRON EMBLEM! HMM... IT LOOKS HURT!

EASY, FELLA... EASY! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIX YOU UP WITH SOMETHING FROM MY EMERGENCY KIT!



INSTANTLY, THE FIERCE LIGHT GOES FROM THE WILD HAWK'S EYES AS TENDER HANDS DOCTOR ITS INJURED WING...



WELL... WELL! I ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOU YOU UNDERSTAND. I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE PALS, EH, FELLA?

THREE LONG DAYS AND NIGHTS PASS AND A STRANGE COMRADESHIP GROWS BETWEEN THIS INJURED MAN AND BIRD...

BIRDS OF A FEATHER, THAT'S US! A BLACKHAWK AND A BLACK HAWK... BOTH OF US GROUNDED! WELL, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE'LL BOTH BE UP AND AROUND...



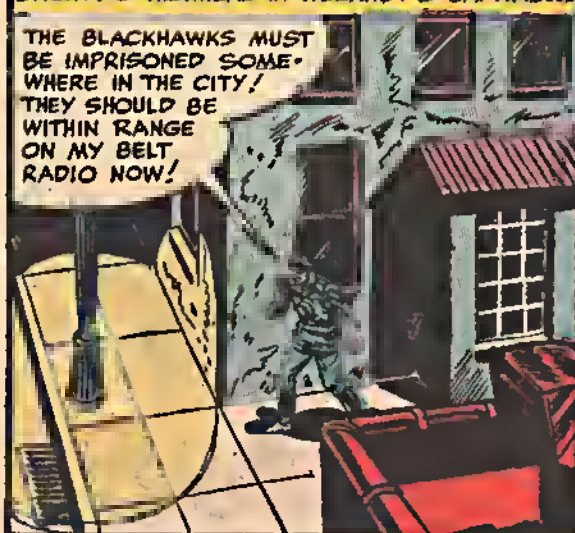
A WEEK PASSES, AND THEN...

MY ANKLE IS OKAY NOW, AND SO IS YOUR WING! SO LONG, FELLA... THANKS FOR YOUR COMPANY! NOW I'VE GOT TO LOCATE MY PALS!



NIGHT! SOMEWHERE IN VIGLANDT'S CAPITAL...

THE BLACKHAWKS MUST BE IMPRISONED SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY! THEY SHOULD BE WITHIN RANGE ON MY BELT RADIO NOW!



CALLING BLACKHAWKS! COME IN!



THIS IS ANDRE! LISTEN CAREFULLY! WE ARE IMPRISONED! I WILL GIVE DIRECTIONS FOR LOCATING US!

SOON AFTER...

THAT'S THEIR CELL... WAY UP THERE! I'VE GOT A SMALL HACKSAW IN MY EMERGENCY KIT... BUT HOW AM I EVER GOING TO GET IT UP TO THEM?



THEN COMES A GREAT RUSHING OF WINGS... AND A BLACK WINGED BIRD ALIGHTS!

HEY... WHERE'D YOU COME FROM? YOU MUST'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME! SAY, I WONDER...?? IT'S A WILD IDEA, BUT IT MAY WORK!



MAYBE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND! UP THERE, FELLA... TAKE IT UP THERE! UP THERE! NOW!



THE MIRACLE HAPPENS!

ACH DU LIEBER! IT ISS A GREAT BIRD... A HAWK... CARRYING A HACKSAW! IS MY MIND CRACKING UP?

A HAWK! IT MUST BE FROM BLACKHAWK! GRAB THAT SAW AND LET'S GET TO WORK ON THOSE BARS!



LATER, WITH COT SHEETS TIED TOGETHER, THE BLACKHAWKS DESCEND TO FREEDOM!

A HAWK ZAT UNDERSTANDS LANGUAGE? AMAZING!

THIS IDENTIFICATION RING ON ITS LEG IS THE ANSWER! I'VE A HUNCH THIS BIRD ONCE BELONGED TO A CIRCUS AND FLEW AWAY! THAT'S WHY IT UNDERSTANDS INSTRUCTIONS!



PROFESSOR ANTON!

YES, WE WERE THROWN INTO THE SAME CELL WITH HIM! HE WAS A PRISONER, TOO!



THEY IMPRISONED YOU... AFTER YOU GAVE THEM THE FLYING CANNON... THAT WEAPON?

NO! I ONLY GAVE THEM PLANS FOR A SPACE-SHIP PLATFORM! THE PLATFORM WAS TO FLY INTO THE STRATOSPHERE, AND THEN FIRE A TWO-MAN ROCKETSHIP FROM ITS CANNON TO THE MOON!



THUS, I HOPED TO FREE MAN FROM GRAVITY... AND MAKE HIM REACH OUT TO THE STARS! BUT THEY TRICKED ME!



THE VIGLANDT DICTATOR TURNED MY SPACE CANNON INTO A HELL WEAPON THAT FIRES BOMBS! IT HAS BECOME A KILLER OF INNOCENT PEOPLE!



WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN FIND THAT CANNON AND DESTROY IT! ARE YOU WILLING?

YES...YES! I KNOW WHERE THEY KEEP THE FLYING CANNON! THE HANGAR IS NOT FAR FROM HERE! FOLLOW ME!



IN THERE!

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUT THOSE GUARDS FIRST... AND IT MUST BE DONE QUIETLY! OLAF... CHUCK... ANDRE! TAKE 'EM!



RELAX, BUB! IT'LL BE OVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

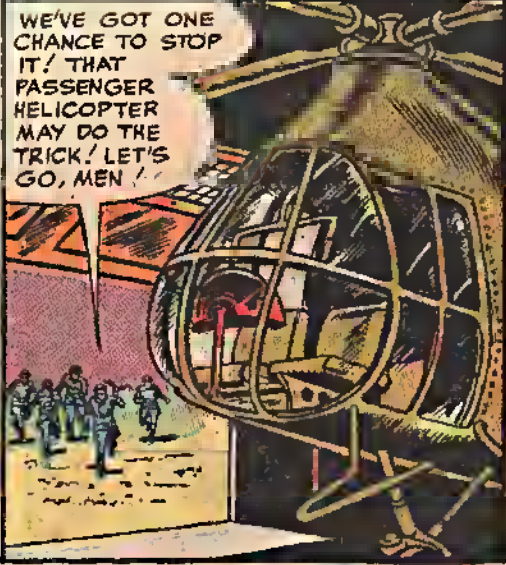


SUDDENLY, THE HANGAR DOORS SWING BACK, AND WITH A GREAT ROAR, THE FLYING COLOSSUS RUSHES SKYWARD!

WE'RE TOO LATE! IT HAS ALREADY GONE ON ANOTHER RAID!



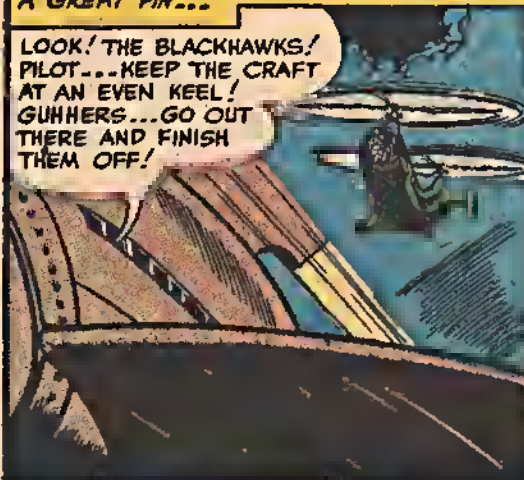
WE'VE GOT ONE CHANCE TO STOP IT! THAT PASSENGER HELICOPTER MAY DO THE TRICK! LET'S GO, MEN!



BLACKHAWK

BECAUSE THE FLYING CANNON HAS NOT YET REVVED UP TO TOP SPEED, THE RACING COPTER OVERTAKES IT AND LANDS ATOP A GREAT FIN...

LOOK! THE BLACKHAWKS! PILOT...KEEP THE CRAFT AT AN EVEN KEEL! GUHHERS...GO OUT THERE AND FINISH THEM OFF!



DON'T GIVE 'EM A CHANCE TO USE THEIR GUNS! SMOTHER 'EM!

HAWKAA-AA!



SLAP 'EM BACK! WE'VE GOT TO GET INSIDE AND WRECK THIS FLYING MONSTER!



BLACKHAWK, I'LL GET A REWARD FOR KILLING Y...!!!!

THANKS, BLACKIE! ONCE I SAVED YOUR LIFE... AND NOW YOU'VE PAID ME BACK!



MURDERERS! KILLERS OF THE INNOCENT! YOU HAVE TURNED MY INVENTION INTO A THING FROM HELL!



PILOTLESS, THE GREAT SKY MONSTER TILTS EARTH-WARD! THE BLACKHAWKS MANAGE TO REACH THE HELICOPTER...BUT ONE MAN REMAINS!

PROFESSOR ANTON! I'M STAYING! I WANT TO PERISH WITH THE EVIL THING I SPAWNED! GOOD BYE!



POOR LITTLE GUY! HIS SENSE OF GUILT WAS TOO MUCH TO BEAR!



LATER, WHEN VIGLANDT SURRENDERS, THERE IS TIME FOR RELAXATION...

WELL, NOW THAT THE BLACK BIRD HAS BECOME OUR MASCOT, WHAT'LL WE NAME HIM?

WE'LL CALL HIM JET. BECAUSE HE IS BLACK IN COLOR AND A POWERFUL FLIER!





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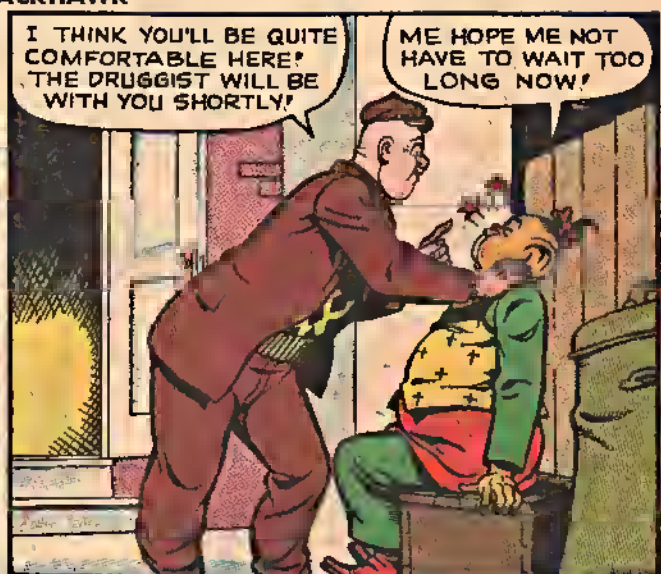
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EITHER YOU'RE CRAZY OR SOMEONE'S BEEN PLAYING A PRACTICAL JOKE ON YOU! WHY HAVE YOU GOT YOUR EYES CLOSED?

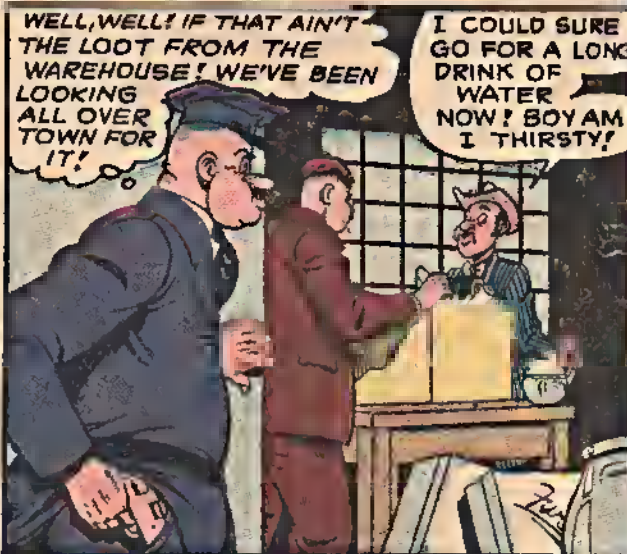
CINDERS IN EYES!

NOW WHY WOULD ANYBODY WANT TO PLAY A TRICK LIKE THAT ON YOU? WHERE IS THAT BIRD?



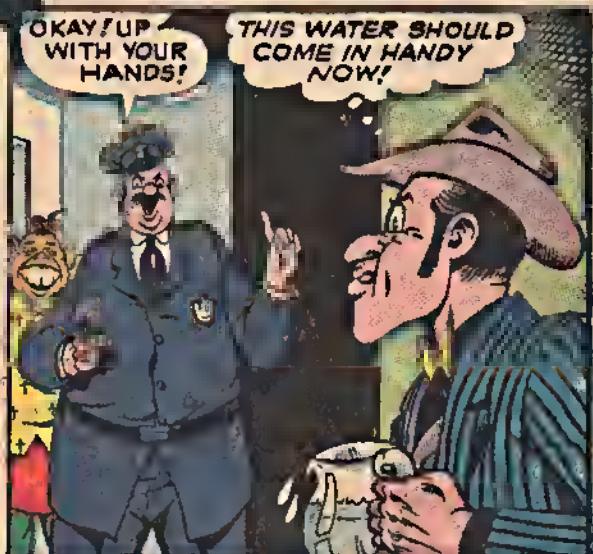
HE OPEN THAT DOOR AND SAY WAIT HERE!

I'M GOING IN THERE AND SEE WHAT'S UP IN THERE!



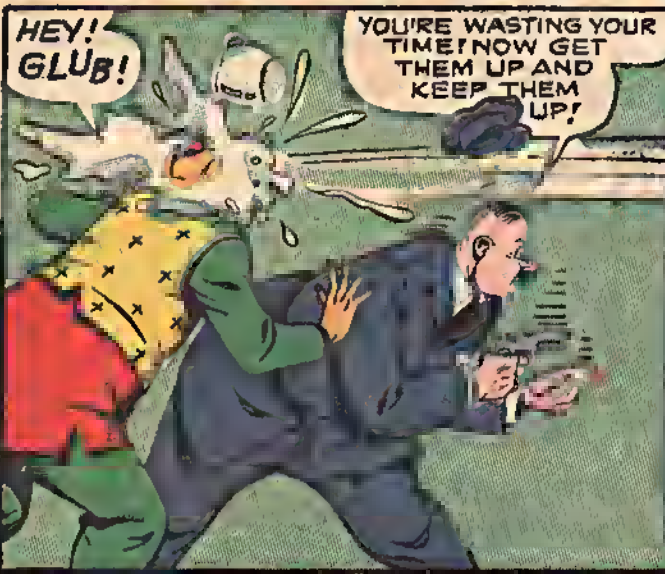
WELL, WELL! IF THAT AIN'T THE LOOT FROM THE WAREHOUSE! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER TOWN FOR IT!

I COULD SURE GO FOR A LONG DRINK OF WATER NOW! BOY AM I THIRSTY!



OKAY! UP WITH YOUR HANDS!

THIS WATER SHOULD COME IN HANDY NOW!



HEY! GLUB!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! NOW GET THEM UP AND KEEP THEM UP!



THANKS TO YOU I GOT THESE MUGS!

AND THANKS TO THEM-CINDERS OUT OF EYES NOW!

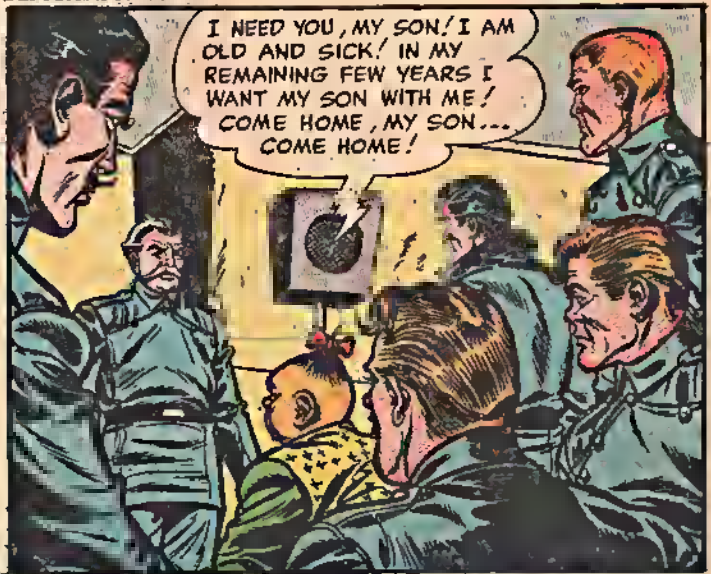
BLACKHAWK





MY SON...THIS IS YOUR OLD FATHER SPEAKING! I HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA...AND ONLY TODAY REGAINED MY MEMORY!

IT IS MY FATHER'S VOICE! I WOULD KNOW IT ANYWHERE!



I NEED YOU, MY SON! I AM OLD AND SICK! IN MY REMAINING FEW YEARS I WANT MY SON WITH ME! COME HOME, MY SON... COME HOME!



YOU HEARD! IT ISS MY DUTY AS A SON! I MUST BE AT HIS SIDE IN HIS LAST FEW YEARS! I MUST LEAVE DER BLACKHAWKS!

WE UNDERSTAND!



MY FATHER ISS HIDING IN EAST GERMANY! I MUST GET HIM OUT TO DER WESTERN ZONE SOMEHOW!

YOU'LL NEED HELP! WE'RE COMING WITH YOU AND DON'T TRY TO ARGUE US OUT OF IT!



LATER, SOMEWHERE OVER EAST GERMANY, THE BLACKHAWK JET'S GROUP FOR BRIEFING...

ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, HENDRICKSON'S FATHER SHOULD BE JUST BELOW...IN THAT OLD FARMHOUSE! LET'S GO DOWN!



SOON, AFTER A LONG SEPARATION, FATHER AND SON ARE REUNITED!

ACH, HANS! MY SON, MY SON!

FATHER! I HAF COME HOME! I AM HERE!



YES...YOU AND ALL THE BLACKHAWKS ARE HERE...AND SO ARE WE! COLONEL VON KRAMM, AT YOUR SERVICE!

WHA-AAT?



ACH! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND...??

BUT I DO! DER REDS HAF TRICKED YOU... USED YOU TO BRING ME UND DER BLACK-HAWKS INTO A TRAP!



YOU GRINNING DEVIL... TO USE MY POOR OLD FATHER IN SUCH A WAY!



LET'S PICK 'EM APART, FELLAS!

YOU BAN RIGHT, CHUCK! HAWKAA-AAA!



I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT INSULTING BLOW!



HENDRICKSON! LOOK OUT! OHHHH!

BLAM!



OHhh! MY EYES! THE FLASH OF THE GUN... SEARED MY EYES!



I...I CAN'T SEE! I'M BLIND! BLIND!

MON DIEU!

BLACKHAWK

SO STUNNED ARE THE BLACKHAWKS BY THIS TRAGIC REVELATION, THAT THEY ARE EASILY CAPTURED...

YOU ARE ALL PRISONERS! ONE FALSE MOVE AND I'LL SHOOT YOUR HELPLESS LEADER!



INTO THE VAN... HURRY! YOU WILL ALL BE TAKEN TO THE OLD VON VOIGT CASTLE ON THE ELBE AND KEPT THERE AS PRISONERS!



HOLD MY HAND, BLACKHAWK! I WILL LEAD YOU!

NO! BLACK-HAWK REMAINS BEHIND! HE CAN'T BOTHER US... NOW!



MAIS NON! HE WILL BE HELPLESS WITHOUT US!

EXACTLY! WHAT BETTER TORTURE CAN THERE BE FOR BLACKHAWK... KNOWING HE IS BLIND, AND UNABLE TO SAVE HIS MEN OR HIMSELF! HA, HA!



And so the anguished Black-Hawks look back to see their gallant leader... a blind, tragic figure staring sightlessly!

BLACKHAWK! BLACKHAWK!

WAIT! TAKE ME WITH YOU! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE ALONE!



THAT RED DEVIL LAUGHED AT ME! HE THINKS I'M FINISHED... THAT I CAN'T HURT HIM OR HIS KIND ANY MORE!



I'M NOT LICKED YET! I'M BLACKHAWK... AND I'VE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT! SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, I'LL GET TO THAT ELBE CASTLE AND PROVE IT!



BLACKHAWK

*The BLACKHAWKS...PRISONERS!
AND ONLY A BLIND MAN TO HELP
THEM! CAN HE DO IT?*

THE OLD CASTLE IS NORTH
ON THE ELBE RIVER! BUT
HOW CAN I TELL WHICH WAY
IS NORTH? THE TREES...THEY'LL
TELL ME!



MOSS ALWAYS FORMS ON THE
NORTH SIDE...AWAY FROM THE
SUN! NOW THAT I HAVE THE
DIRECTION, I MUST FIND MY
WAY TO THE RAILROAD
TRACKS!



*HALF STUMBLING, HALF WALKING,
THE GROPING BLIND MAN AT LAST
GROPPES HIS WAY THROUGH THE
BRAMBLE TO HIS FIRST OBJECTIVE!*

MADE IT! I'VE
REACHED THE
TRACKS...I'VE
REACHED THEM!



THESE TRACKS LEAD
NORTH AND CURVE TO
THE ELBE RIVER! ALL
I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP
MY FEET WALKING
THE RAILROAD
TIES!



ONCE HE IS ALMOST SMASHED DOWN BY AN
ONCOMING EXPRESS TRAIN, BUT...



TRAIN COMING!
THE RAILS ARE
VIBRATING!

I DON'T HAVE MY
EYESIGHT, BUT MY
OTHER SENSES ARE
IN WORKING ORDER! I'LL
MAKE IT YET... I'LL
MAKE IT!



*AT LAST, A FEW HOURS LATER, THE
DETERMINED BLACKHAWK REACHES
HIS SECOND OBJECTIVE!*

THE TRACKS CURVE HERE
TO THE RIVER! YES...I
CAN'T SEE THE RIVER,
BUT I CAN HEAR THE
LAPPING OF WATERS!
AND JUST CLOSE
BY, IS THE
CASTLE!



BLACKHAWK

SOON AFTER, BLACKHAWK'S EXPLORING HANDS TOUCH TELLTALE STONE WALLS...

THE CASTLE WALLS... AND I CAN FEEL IT'S COVERED BY THICK VINES... STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD A MAN'S WEIGHT!



CLAWING, CLUTCHING AT THE SPREADING VINE GROWTH, THE BLIND MAN BEGINS THE TREACHEROUS, DANGEROUS CLIMB...

THESE VINES HAVE TO LEAD TO A WINDOW SOMEWHERE...



A WINDOW! OH-OH! NOW I DID IT!



WHO IS IN HERE? UHHH? **BLACKHAWK!**



VON KRAMM'S VOICE! MAYBE I CAN PULL A BLIND MAN'S BLUFF, ON HIM!



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW COULD YOU... A BLIND MAN... JOURNEY TO HERE?



A BLIND MAN COULDN'T! WHAT'S WRONG, VON KRAMM? YOU LOOK SURPRISED! I'VE REGAINED MY SIGHT!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T GET WISE TO MY PRETENDING I CAN SEE AGAIN!



YIII-!! YOU CAN SEE! YOU CAN SEE!

YES... AND YOU CAN SEE THIS GUN! I WANT YOU TO ORDER THE BLACKNAWS RELEASED... FAST!



GUARDS! FREE THE BLACKHAWKS! AT ONCE! I ORDER IT!



BLACKHAWK

Then it happens! Von Kramm suddenly is aware of the staring, blank quality of Blackhawk's eyes...



Y-YOU'RE BLIND! YOU TRICKED ME! GUARDS! DON'T RELEASE THE BL... UHHH!

But von Kramm's warning cry is split-seconds too late!



GUARDS! DON'T RELEASE THE BL... UHHH!

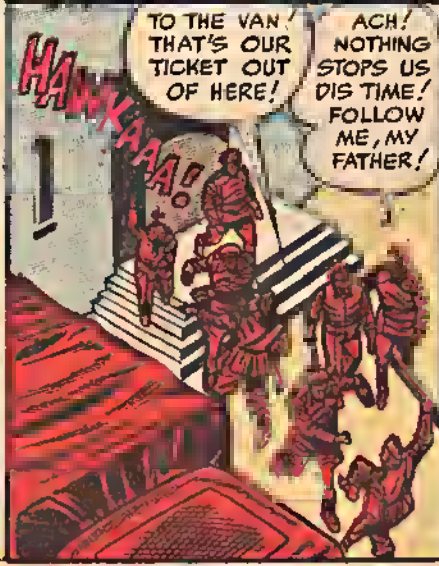
WAIT!

SORRY, PAL... WE'RE IN A HURRY!



BLAGHKAWK! HERE!

MON DIEU! NOW WE WILL SETTLE ACCOUNTS WIZ ZE SWINE!



TO THE VAN! THAT'S OUR TICKET OUT OF HERE!

ACH! NOTHING STOPS US DIS TIME! FOLLOW ME, MY FATHER!

Suddenly, with a cry, Hendrickson's father slumps to the ground!



FATHER! FATHER!

IT IS MY HEART! THE STRAIN... TOO MUCH! GO ON, MY SON... SAVE YOURSELF! I AM DONE... BUT YOU MUST LIVE... MUST FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!



MY FATHER... I HAVE FOUND HIM... ONLY TO LOSE HIM FOREVER!

IT'S BEST THIS WAY, HENDRICKSON! AT LEAST HE DIED HAPPY, KNOWING YOU HAVE YOUR FREEDOM!

But there is a happy aftermath to the adventure! The following day, in a doctor's office...

THE BLINDNESS IS ONLY TEMPORARY, BLACKHAWK! IN A FEW WEEKS YOUR EYES WILL HEAL AND BE AS GOOD AS NEW!

OGOLLYGOLLY! IS GREAT! FIRST THING BLACKHAWK EYES SEE WHEN OPEN AGAIN IS OUR FACES... HAPPY FACES! SNIFF! SNIFF! HAPPY! SNIFF!



BOMBS AWAY

THE Blackhawk squadron roared out of the west and down low over the glare of the desert. Below, a jackal scurried out of a gorge and ran madly from the shadows of the planes. It was Blackhawk himself, in the lead plane, who saw their quarry first.

"Vagabonds at two o'clock," he barked into his radio transmitter. "Looks like our crowd."

"Yah," came the voice of big Olaf. "Ay ban watching and ay am sure dose are da Malregs." "Check," Andre's voice followed. "Zey are ze ones we seek, mais oui. And now what?"

"Now," Blackhawk said, "we try diplomacy. You fellows stay topside and cover me. I'll land and try to talk their chieftain into coming in for a conference before he fights."

A moment later they were roaring across a camp of multi-colored tents. Figures in billowing robes scurried about and camels tugged at their picket ropes to escape the roaring monsters overhead. It was, beyond any doubt, the camp of the wandering Malregs, a fierce and untamed tribe of Arabs. At the moment this remote and little-known band was well on the way to becoming a world menace.

The trouble started when geologists discovered a rich deposit of uranium ore in a rocky ridge that projected from that section of the Sahara. Arrangements were at once completed to start mining the priceless foundation of atomic energy for the benefit of the World Atomic Energy Council. It was then that the remote, unknown Malregs jumped into the headlines.

Someone, a renegade war criminal whose real identity had never been settled, had wormed his way into the confidence of the fierce tribe and persuaded them to fight anyone trying to mine the uranium. The result had been pitched battles, casualties and a complete halt to mining operations. The Blackhawks had been called in.

"We don't want to fight these Arabs," the President of the Council had explained. "If we could only have a conference, we'd be able to make them understand that we'll pay for what we take, even though technically it was

not theirs to start with. But they won't even parley with us."

So now, flying low over the camp, Blackhawk faced his problem. For all their savagery, the Malregs were like misguided children. To slaughter them with modern weapons would be brutal and wrong. But how to reason with savages trained from childhood in violence?

"I'm going down," Blackhawk said. "Stand by—but no shooting at them, gang. Remember, this mission must not end in battle."

He cut the gun and dropped down for his landing. Without any warning a mob of Arabs erupted from the tents. Long muskets and modern rifles combined in a flickering fusillade. Lead hummed around Blackhawk's plane or spanged from the cowling. Holes appeared in the wing coverings.

Slapping the throttles full, Blackhawk roared back out of range, scowling. The voice of Chuck came on. "Didn't make out so well, I see. Now What?"

"Now," Blackhawk said, "they get bombed with my new Civilizer Bomb. Here I go."

He roared down again and tripped a lever. A glinting bomb fell from under the fuselage, turning slowly in the air. Down below the huddle of Malregs dissolved as the men fled wildly in all directions from the on-rushing bomb. It struck in a clear space and burst... but instead of an explosion there was only a shower of brightly-colored objects that went flying in all directions.

After a long wait, the Malregs began to creep back. From above, the Blackhawks watched them reach the outer circle of bright objects; pause, and then close in wildly. A moment later every one seemed to be lying down on the sand, clutching one of the bright bits.

"Hey," Chuck called sharply. "What was that thing?"

Blackhawk chuckled. "A propaganda bomb, Chuck. It was stuffed with copies of Comics written in Arabic. We'll give 'em a week to read every copy and then try again. By that time, they'll know that the Blackhawks bring only justice when they land."

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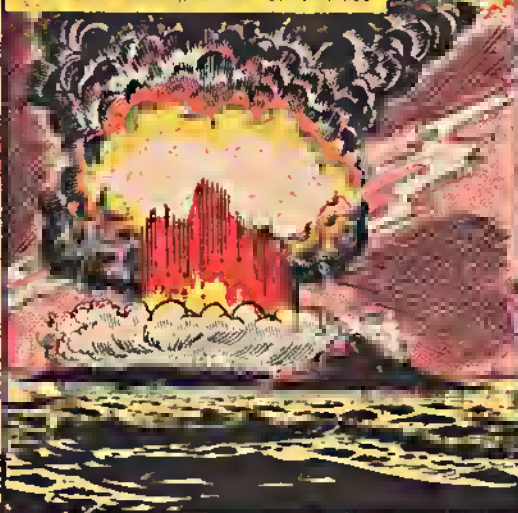
BLACKHAWK



CAN YOU POSSIBLY IMAGINE A WEAPON A BILLION TIMES MORE DEVASTATING THAN THE ATOM OR THE HYDROGEN BOMBS? NO? THEN READ OF THE MAD DOCTOR BAROC AND HIS FANTASTIC PLAN TO CONQUER THE WORLD WITH A FORCE OF EVIL BEYOND MAN'S SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE! EVEN THE FAMED BLACK KNIGHTS SEEMED DOOMED TO FAILURE AS THEY BATTLED...

THE Z BOMB MENACE

DEEP IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, A TINY ISLAND IS RIMMED WITH FIRE AND SMOKE...



FEARFUL DEMOLITION RIPS EARTH, TREES AND CORAL ASUNDER...

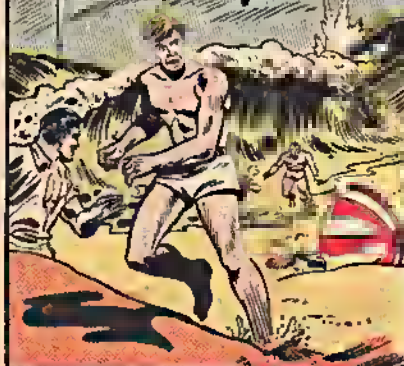


AND HOURS LATER, GREAT TIDAL WAVES PITCH THE OCEAN'S MIGHT AGAINST THE BEACHES OF THE WORLD!

G-GREAT SCOTT!

R-RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

YIIIIIIII!



WHILE THE WORLD AWAITED THE DREADED ANSWER TO THE CATASTROPHE, ARMY OBSERVERS HAD FOUND THE SOURCE OF TROUBLE ---

KATUNG ISLAND! EVIDENTLY SHE'S BEEN BLOWN TO BITS BY SOME VOLCANIC EXPLOSION! WHEW! IT'S SURE A RELIEF TO KNOW SOME ENEMY HASN'T EXPLODED AN H-BOMB!

YOU AREN'T KIDDING! I'LL RADIO THE GOOD NEWS BACK!



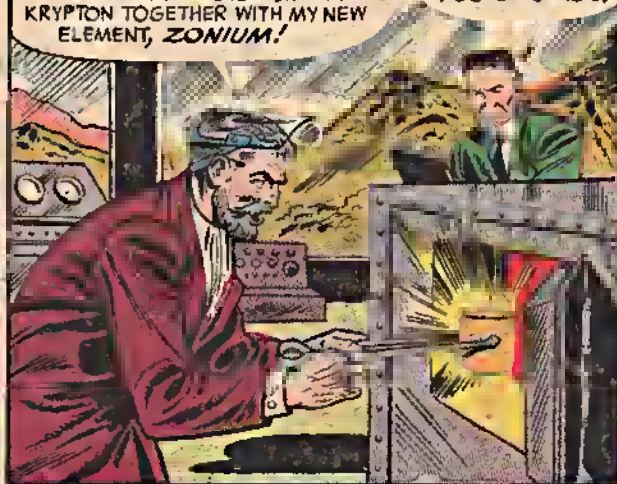
EARTHQUAKE ROCKS THE SOUTH PACIFIC

ISLAND VANISHES IN VOLCANIC BLAST FELT ROUND THE WORLD! MOTHER NATURE'S POWER BELITTLES A H-BOMB!

THUS, WAS THE EXPLOSION ATTRIBUTED TO MOTHER NATURE HERSELF! BUT THERE WAS A MORE SINISTER EXPLANATION FOR THE DREADED EVENT... AN EXPLANATION ONE ERIC Z. BAROC, SCIENTIST, KNEW WELL! **THIS IS THE TRUE STORY!**

I'VE DONE IT, MEERS! I'VE DONE IT... THE ATOMIC REACTION HAS FUSED THE STANDARD PLUTONIUM AND KRYPTON TOGETHER WITH MY NEW ELEMENT, **ZONIUM!**

A **MIRACLE** OF SCIENCE, DOCTOR BAROC!



THE TEST, MEERS! WE'LL EXPLODE A TINY, **BILLIONTH** PORTION OF IT'S POWER! JUST **ONE DROP** OF ELEMENT Z IN THE BOMB!

YES, DOCTOR BAROC!



SHORTLY, DOCTOR BAROC AND HIS ASSISTANT WATCH A MOUNTAIN PEAK TEN MILES OFF AS...

G-GREAT GRIEF, IT'S... IT'S **TREMENDOUS! FANTASTIC!** A-AND THAT'S ONLY **ONE BILLIONTH** OF ITS FULL POWER!

HAH! THE BIRTH OF THE... **Z BOMB!**



LATER, A GRIM CONFERENCE IS HELD AT UNITED WORLD HEADQUARTERS...

SIR, YOU SAY THAT SEISMOGRAPHS THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS AND EUROPE HAVE RECORDED THIS STRANGE SHOCK WAVE... ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT SOME POWERFUL OCEAN UPHEAVAL CAUSED IT?

NO, BLACKHAWK! A SEISMOGRAPH REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES PROVES BEYOND A DOUBT THAT IT ORIGINATED FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN CHILE!



BUT, GENTLEMEN, HERE ARE THE FRIGHTENING FACTS! THIS IS NO ORDINARY EXPLOSION OF NUCLEAR FISSION! OUR INSTRUMENTS RECORDING THE SHOCK WAVES SHOW THAT BUT A *MINUTE* PORTION OF POWER WAS USED TO DETONATE IT....



WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS FEARSOME DETONATION HAS THE MEANS TO RELEASE A FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO *JAR THE WORLD OFF ITS AXIS!* BLACKHAWKS, WE DESPERATELY NEED YOU IN OUR FRANTIC SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE OF THIS... TERRIBLE POWER!



RIGHT, SIR! WE'LL LEAVE FOR CHILE AT ONCE!

SACRE!

NEXT DAY, THE POWERFUL BLACK-HAWK JETS STREAK OVER THE ANDES!

BLACKHAWK! TWO PLANES CRUISING AT FOUR O'CLOCK!

I SEE THEM, HENDRICKSON! THEY'RE CHILIAN ARMY PLANES SEARCHING FOR THE POINT OF DETONATION AS WE ARE! CONTINUE SOUTH, GANG!



HOUR AFTER HOUR, THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS CRISS-CROSS THE RUGGED MOUNTAINS! THEN....

SACRE BLEU! LOOK HOW ZE VOLCANO BLOW ZE MOUNTAIN TOP OFF! PERHAPS THEES EES WHERE ZE EXPLOSION WAS! ZE VOLCANO!

WHA...? NOT A CHANCE, ANDRE! THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF LAVA ON THE SLOPES! WE'VE FOUND IT, GANG! LOOK FOR A LANDING SPOT!



BUT AS THE BLACKHAWKS LAND THEY FIND THAT THE REDS, ALSO INTERESTED IN THE Z BOMB, HAVE BEATEN THEM TO THE SPOT....

C-CHOLLY CHEE!

AMBUSH!

HIT THE DECK! THERE'S SOMEONE HERE WHO IS AS ANXIOUS AS WE ARE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THAT BOMB!



THEY'RE IN A NICHE UP ABOVE! HUG THE GROUND AND ENCIRCLE.... OLAF, HENDRICKSON, ANDRE TO THE RIGHT.... CHUCK, STANISLAUS, CHOP CHOP AND MYSELF TO THE LEFT....

RIGHT, BLACKHAWK!

YAH! I BAN DO SOME FAST CRAWLING!



WHERE DID THEY GO?

PERHAPS WE HAVE FRIGHTENED THEM BACK.... PERHAPS KILLED SOME! RAKE THE AREA WITH FIRE JUST THE SAME!



SUDDENLY...

HAWK-AA!



THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWK! BAH! YOU HAVE CAPTURED US BUT YOU WILL NEVER STOP THE OTHERS! WE HAVE BEATEN YOU HERE AND YOU WILL NEVER LEARN ANY MORE!

STUBBORN, EH! WELL, THESE TWO ARE LOOK-OUTS OF SOME SORT! THE HEADQUARTERS MAY BE MILES AWAY--- HMMM!



HENDRICKSON, THIS IS WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO!

ACH DU LIEBER! DOT IS GOODT IDEA, BLACKHAWK!



WHILE MY FRIEND IS BUSY I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE TIME WITH YOU RODENTS! TELL ME WHERE YOUR GANG IS OR DOWN THE CLIFF YOU GO!

Y-YOU'RE BUUFFING, BLACKHAWK ---I-I WON'T TELL!



THEN, AS BLACKHAWK DANGLES THE MAN OVER THE CLIFF---

VERY WELL! DOWN YOU GO!



NOW FOR YOU---

Y-YOU DID IT! WAIT--- I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING! T-THE SCIENTIST WHO EXPLODED THE BOMB HAS A LABORATORY TEN MILES SOUTH---ON A MOUNTAIN SLOPE! PLEASE--- DON'T KILL ME!

AH-H! PERHAPS HE TELLS ZE TRUTH! I SEE ZE TINY BUILDING ON ONE OF ZE MOUNTAINS!



ALL RIGHT, HENDRICKSON! YOU CAN BRING THAT CHARACTER UP---HE'S SERVED HIS PURPOSE!

WHA---? YOU TRICKED ME!

YOU BAN RIGHT!



MEANWHILE, AT ERIC BAROC'S LABORATORY...

MOST REMARKABLE! THIS LITTLE MAN, ALL ALONE, HAS CREATED A BLAST STRONGER THAN OUR H BOMB! AH, YES INDEED, HE WOULD BE OF GREAT USE TO OUR NATION!

SWINE! THEY THREATEN TO DESTROY MY CHANCE TO RULE THE WORLD! I MUST BE CLEVER... THEY MUST NOT KNOW THAT MY JONAS GANG ACTUALLY DESTROY THE PLANET!

SHORTLY... BLACKHAWK! SO HE'S TRACED MY WHEREABOUTS TOO! AH, THAT COULD BE MY SOLUTION... I'D PLAY ONE AGAINST THE OTHER... YES, HE'S GLIDING QUIETLY IN FOR A LANDING... THE OTHERS CAN'T SEE HIM FROM INSIDE...



AND MINUTES AFTERWARD...

BLACKHAWK! FOREIGN ENEMIES... THEY'RE STEALING MY RESEARCH EQUIPMENT! HURRY!

CHUCK, BETTER CUT THOSE TWO LOOSE! C'MON, GANG!

YAH, I BAN RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BLACKHAWK!



YOU BOYS ARE OFF HOME BASE! IT'S TIME YOU WERE TAGGED OUT!

MON DIEU! EVERYBODY WANTS ZE NEW ATOM JACKPOT!



CHOP CHOP PLAY BEBOP WITH FAT HEAD!

ACH! VE NEED DER FRESH AIR IN HERE!



BUT AS THE BLACKHAWKS BATTLE...

HURRY, YOU FOOL! THE BLACKHAWKS HAVE NEARLY FINISHED THEM OFF!

YES, BAROC!



THEN... TIE THAT BUNCH UP, GANG! ANDRE LETS HAVE A WORD WITH THIS MASTER SCIENTIST!

OUI, BLACKHAWK!





NOW THEN—
OH-H-H!

AH-H-H!

EXCELLENT,
MEERS!



NOW, HURRY! WE'LL
FORCE BLACKHAWK
TO FLY US TO THE
ISLAND! HA! THE
WORLD WILL NEVER
DOUBT OUR POWER
WITH BLACKHAWK
TO VOUCH FOR IT!

WHA...?
THEY'RE GOING
TO TAKE
BLACKHAWK...
MUST DO
SOMETHING!



QUICKLY, ANDRE'S HAND MOVES OUT
AND...

GOOD! WE'LL
SLIP QUIETLY
OUT THE
BACK WAY!

TOO WEAK
...TO GIVE
THE FIGHT
AGAINST
THEM...
OH-H-H!

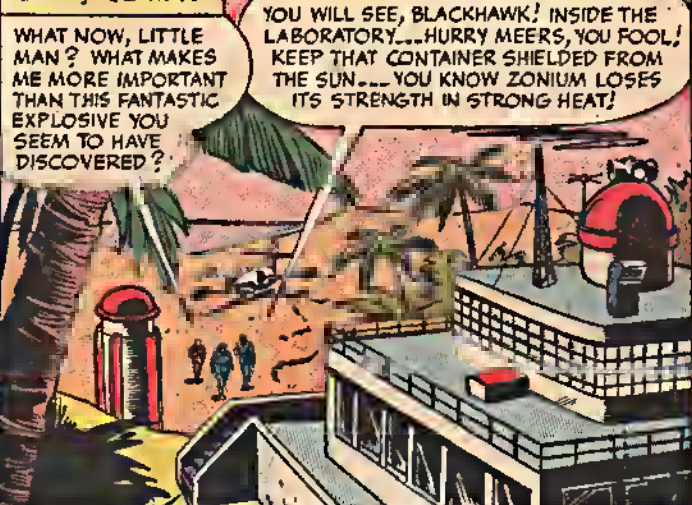
SHORTLY, BLACKHAWK COMES TO AT THE CON-
TROLS OF HIS JET...



FLY EXACTLY AS I
DIRECT, BLACKHAWK!
IF YOU TRY ANY TRICKS
I'LL SHOOT YOU AND
BLOW UP YOUR
COMPANIONS WITH
MY BOMB!

WHEW... M-MY HEAD!
SO THAT'S IT... YOU'VE
GOT PLANS OF YOUR
OWN, EH, BUSTER!

HOURS LATER, WHEN BLACKHAWK HAS LANDED ON STRANGE
KATUNG ISLAND...

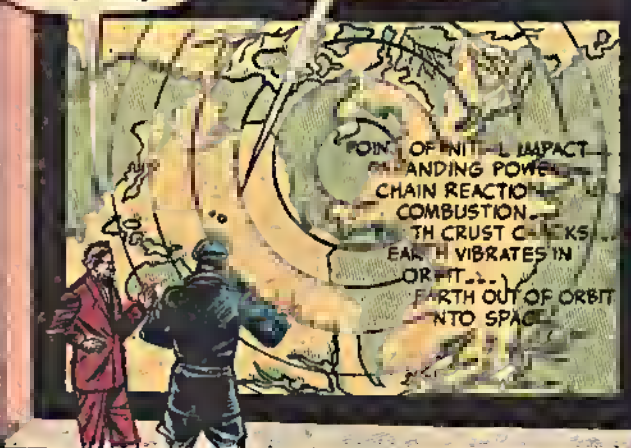


WHAT NOW, LITTLE
MAN? WHAT MAKES
ME MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THIS FANTASTIC
EXPLOSIVE YOU
SEEM TO HAVE
DISCOVERED?

YOU WILL SEE, BLACKHAWK! INSIDE THE
LABORATORY... HURRY MEERS, YOU FOOL!
KEEP THAT CONTAINER SHIELDED FROM
THE SUN... YOU KNOW ZONIUM LOSES
ITS STRENGTH IN STRONG HEAT!

IT'S ALL THERE,
BLACKHAWK! THE
END OF THE WORLD
...AND ONLY YOU
CAN SAVE IT!

WHY THIS IS MONSTROUS! Y-YOU'VE
PLANNED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
EARTH! BUT WHY? YOU'LL GO WITH
THE REST OF US!



POINT OF INITIAL IMPACT—
LANDING POWER—
CHAIN REACTION—
COMBUSTION—
THE CRUST OF THE
EARTH VIBRATES IN
ORBIT...
EARTH OUT OF ORBIT
—INTO SPACE!

I DON'T INTEND FOR ANYONE TO
DIE! WHEN I DISCOVERED THIS
BOMB AND LEARNED OF ITS FAN-
TASTIC POWER I KNEW I COULD
DEMAND ANYTHING FOR IT! I
WANT TO BE THE SUPREME
POWER ON EARTH... OR THE
EARTH ITSELF SHALL PERISH!

I SEE... AND
YOU'LL MAKE
YOUR DEMANDS
UPON THE WORLD
THROUGH ME!



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BLACKHAWK

AND SHORTLY, AN ALARMING PICTURE IS SEEN ON THE SCREEN AT UNITED WORLD HEADQUARTERS...

YOU HAVE EXACTLY ONE HOUR TO OFFICIALLY SURRENDER TO ME! FOR PROOF, YOU MUST DYNAMITE THE WHITE HOUSE! TELEVIEW THE EXPLOSION AND I WILL SEE IT ON MY SCREEN! DO I LIE, BLACKHAWK? CAN I NOT DESTROY THE WORLD!

FROM ALL EVIDENCE I'VE SEEN... YES!

THEN, AS THE PICTURE VANISHES...

GOOD GRIEF! THE WORLD IN THE GRIP OF A MAD-MAN!

BUT WE KNOW HE CAN DESTROY THE PLANET! THE SHOCK WAVES OF HIS TEST EXPLOSION INDICATE IT! GENTLEMEN, THE WORLD CANNOT SURRENDER TO A MONSTER...

WE CAN'T GIVE IN!

Y-YES... THAT WOULD BE FOLLY!

THE MINUTES TICK BY. FINALLY, *OBLIVION HOUR* IS BUT SECONDS OFF...

THE FOOLS REFUSE! MEERS! DETONATE THE FIRST AND LAST Z BOMB!

Y-YES, BAROC!

IN THIRTY SECONDS... THIRTY SECONDS THE WORLD WILL END, BLACKHAWK... AARRGHH!

HENDRICKSON! HURRY! RELEASE ME!

YAH!

FRANTICALLY, BLACKHAWK STREAKS PAST HIS TEAM MATES...

THE Z BOMB'S AUTOMATICALLY TIMED TO GO OFF! ONLY ONE THING MIGHT STOP IT NOW! GET IN THE JETS... TAKE OFF AND FLY AS FAR AS YOU CAN!

M-MAIS OUI, BLACKHAWK!

SECONDS LATER, THE BLACKHAWKS, WATCH FROM ALOFT AS THEIR LEADER MAKES A STRANGE MANUEVER...

GREAT CATS! HE'S SINGED THE BOMB WITH HIS JET! B-BUT WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?

YUMPIN' YIMINY!

SO IT IS, THAT AS THE LAST DREADED SECOND TICKS OFF, THE BLACKHAWKS WATCH A FEARSOME EXPLOSION FROM MILES OFF!

B-BLACKHAWK! W-WE FAILED!

NO, ANDRE, WE *WON!* BY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FROM THIS RADIO DISK YOU PLACED IN MY POCKET YOU SAVED THE WORLD! YOU SEE, THE HEAT FROM MY JET REDUCED THE ZONIUM STRENGTH IN THAT Z BOMB TO A BILLIONTH PART! THAT'S JUST A *BABY BURST*...

YES, ONLY THE BLACKHAWKS AND UNITED WORLD OFFICIALS EVER KNEW THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE KATUNG ISLAND EXPLOSION... AND IT WAS BEST FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE OF MIND THAT IT REMAINED A SECRET FOREVER!

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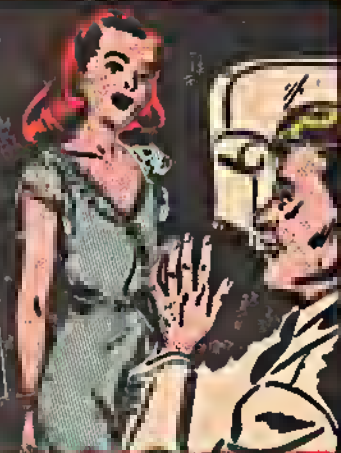
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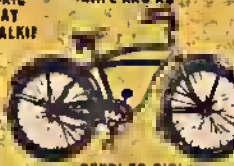
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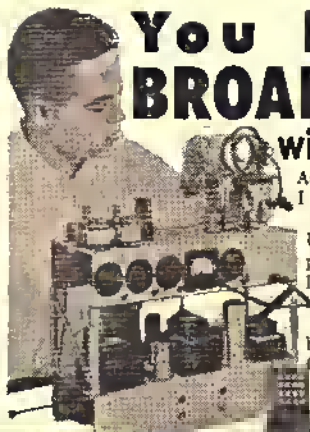
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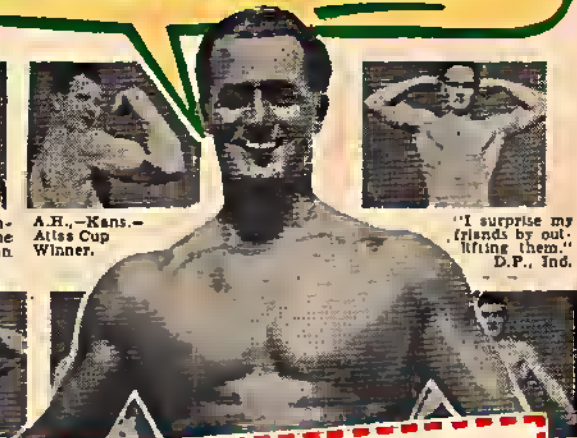
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